

## **WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

### **CAMP OCKANICKON: 12 – 14 Feb 2010**

The theme of this survival weekend is to: 1) Make a survival campsite with debris hut, fire pit, tipi fire, wood drying/fire reflecting wall, and a tripod with a cook pot over the fire. 2) Work with charred cotton; first to make it and then to use it to start a fire. 3) Make a tinder bundle and use it to carry a smoldering fire for a number of hours, and then use it to start a fire with charred cotton. 4) Use a power cinch at the parking lot to pull/lift a car out of a ditch. 5) In the evening, cook up some premium custom chili in a competition against the other patrols. Display the chili with any accompaniments and decorations, including scout spirit. Your patrol will be judged against the other patrols in every category for the day.

Arrive Friday night 6:45 to 7:00 pm; boys carpool to Camp Ockanickon; you will sleep inside but spend all day Saturday outside, so bring appropriate clothing for the weather: raincover for rain, warm clothes if it's cold; change of clothes if you get wet. Bring a sleeping bag. Bring it all in a backpack or duffel bag that is easy to carry. Bring a set of boots for outside and a set of sneakers or mocs for inside; also a change of socks, a scout-size knife to cut rope for lashings, walki-talkies, and a flashlight. Bring your mess kit, especially a drinking cup (we will NOT be issuing throw away cups). Bring snacks, but we will feed you all of the following meals: Snack Fri night; Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday light breakfast. NO TV or loud games. Bring board games. Be ready to learn and tie knots. Chili cook-off contest Sat night, bring your favorite recipe and any decorations/accompaniments. The troop will supply all the usual chili food, but if you have any special stuff you add, bring it. We will also have hot dogs if you cannot eat chili.

#### **Friday 12 Feb:**

**6:45 to 7:00** - Scouts carpool to Camp Ockanickon parking lot; arrive between these times

**7:15** – We go into camp. One truck at a time will be loaded and driven down to the Long House building. Bring your stuff in a backpack or duffel bag. We have the Memorial Lodge (Long House) and Grundy Lodge reserved. Set up bunks; SPL posts work detail list for the weekend.

**9:00 to 11:00** – Water team fills jugs. Fellowship bonfire with skits. Possible flag retirement ceremony??. Cooking team makes English Muffin pizzas, popcorn and bug juice. Fellowship and fun until bedtime.

#### **Saturday 13 Feb:**

**07:00 to 09:00** All awake and start breakfast; troop breakfast cooking team and table setup team. Breakfast for all. Following breakfast, the cleanup team will clean all the cooking ware and put away.

**09:00 to 10:00** – We will make charred cotton and then practice using it to start a fire

**10:00 to 11:30** – Everyone up to the parking lot for practice with the power cinch. Each team will tie the knot and help to pull a truck. We will try various combinations of teams and more difficult tasks.

**11:30 to about 3:00 (with lunch break)** - Teams start searching for location for survival campsite, then building a full survival campsite, with debris hut (a cave does not earn ANY points), fire pit, reflector wall, water collection and firewood storage. Make a map of the area, with directions so that we can find your campsite. Mark any animal tracks, etc. Following completion of campsites, teams will tie a power hitch to demonstrate lifting a heavy log. When adult leader teams arrive for evaluation of campsite, boys will start a survival fire and demonstrate use of power hitch.

**12:30 to about 1:30 (lunch)** – Teams may come up to the main building for hot lunch, then return to campsite, complete the work and prepare for the leader evaluation

**About 3:00 to 4:00** – Adult leaders will examine campsites and maps and observe the survival fires and the power cinch; the teams will be graded. Following the evaluation, all campsites will be returned to original condition and boys report to main building to prepare for Chili Cook-off.

**4:00** – Boys prepare for Chili Cook-off, judging and dinner. Then cleanup and an evening of knots, companionship and games.

#### **Sunday, 14 Feb**

**6:30 to 7:00** – Up and awake; Sunday prayer service followed by quick breakfast of cereal, donuts, and bananas; pack up and get out-a-here when the area and the building has been policed and is CLEAN.

**9:30 to 9:45** Break camp and walk to parking lot

**10:00** – Parents pick-up at parking lot. We are done !!